

# LABOR NEWS FROM COAST TO COAST

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### LABORERS' UNION REJECTS CONTRACTORS' OFFER.

Largely attended meeting last night in Huckle's Hall, decided to reject the offer of a sliding scale of 45 to 60 cents an hour which contractors of the Ottawa Building Trades Council have offered. The offer was made by the Ottawa Building Trades Council, which is a branch of the International Brotherhood of Building Trades.

### L.P. WEEKLY ADDRESS.

The importance of playgrounds in community life was pointed out by Mr. W. J. Neale, superintendent of playgrounds, in an address on "Recreation and the Community" at the Independent Labor Party Sunday afternoon. Work among the adults was forewarned by Mr. Neale, who said that the playgrounds were the only place where the children could be kept out of mischief.

### WM. LODGE MAY BE CANDIDATE IN WELLINGTON WARD.

Mr. Lodge, secretary of the Allied Trades and Labor Association, and one of the most prominent labor men in Eastern Canada, may carry Labor's banner in Wellington Ward by-election.

### NEWS PRINTERS ASK RAISE.

The news printers recently asked the newspaper proprietors for a wage increase from \$30 to \$35 per week. The "Times" have a five-year contract in the business. A clause, however, permits either party to serve notice on the other providing a wage change is desired.

### BARBERS AND MORE PAY.

It was announced this week that the members of Local No. 131, barbers, have won a wage increase of 10 per cent. The union is 100 per cent organized.

### PICTURE MACHINE OPERATORS 100 PER CENT ORGANIZED.

Thanks to the untiring efforts of Business Agent Wm. Lane, the local Motion Picture Machine Operators Union is now a hundred per cent organized. One of the local theatres has been holding out against the union for a long time, but now the union is recognized in all theatres in Ottawa.

### BOARD OF CONTROL AGREES TO ARBITRATE.

Last week the civic employees applied to the Labor Department for a Board of Conciliation in the matter of dispute between themselves and the Board of Control of the City of Ottawa. As both parties must agree to arbitration before a board can be appointed under the Lemieux Act in the case of civic employees the Labor Department wrote the Board of Control that it was agreed to submit the question of wages to a board of arbitration.

### STAGE EMPLOYEES APPOINT A SCALE COMMITTEE.

W. Clarke, H. Ladouceur, T. McNeil, J. Theberge and P. Gaudin were appointed a scale committee to draw up a new schedule by the local theatrical stage employees at their last meeting. The committee will meet on Monday night to discuss the matter.

### STAGE EMPLOYEES UNDER WORKINGMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT.

According to a recent announcement the stage employees of Ontario will now come under the Workingmen's Compensation Act. In this respect it is interesting to note that the question was first brought forward some four or five years ago in Local Union No. 95, Ottawa.

## HAMILTON.

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Local No. 100 Theatre Stage Hands have had their wages increased to \$24 and \$25 per week. They formerly received \$22 and \$23 per week. The new scale, effective January 1, expires on September 6 next.

### ORGANIZED NEW UNION.

John Pryke, vice-president Musicians' Union, also honorary secretary Hamilton Labor Temple Association, has effected a Dominion-wide organization of the Weights and Measures Department employees. The union, although considered an upstart one, proved easy picking for Mr. Pryke. He held the foundation in Hamilton when the "effort" was made to organize the "weights and measures" department.

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The City of Hamilton contemplates hiring journeymen painters, plumbers, carpenters and other tradesmen for civic work. Delegates (Controllers) Thomas O'Hair and C. I. Aitchison disclosed this important fact at last Friday's session of the Trades and Labor Council.

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## EUROPE, WHICH INCLUDES THOSE COUNTRIES VICTIMIZED IN THE WAR, AND SOME OF THE NEUTRAL STATES IN THE WESTERN PART OF THE CONTINENT.

He ventured the opinion that Bolshevism was the least of these evils that in twenty years very little would be heard of it. The great movement in Western Europe of the Labor Party, he said, was much more important.

### THE GREAT VICTORY OF THE LABOR PARTY IN WESTERN EUROPE, HE CONSIDERED, WAS A SIGN OF THINGS TO COME.

At the present time it formed a property, it meant that the people and many others who did not know the difference between the labor party and the Socialists, were being educated. The speaker contended that the labor party were best fitted for the job, because they had an internationalist spirit, and the unity to bring it about.

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## SILENT TOAST.

Do you fancy I'm lonely, sitting tonight in the glow of the dying fire. Watching the smoke curl up and up from the bowl of my old black briar? Come if you like and fill your glass—there's always an empty seat. And you'll drink in as fair a company as ever a man could meet.

### THERE'S LARRY, THE LEWIS GUNNER, HE CAME TO US ON THE SOMME;

There's dear old Bobby, who made a hobby of every kind of bomb; There's Dicky, who drove a water-cart, and Bill, the signaller bold; And you'll drink in as fair a company as ever a man could meet.

### DO YOU REMEMBER THE GIRL HE KNEW—SHE WASN'T IT AT LA ZEPPELIN?

I see her as though it were yesterday—her rings, her ribbons, her rouge; I wonder if ever she thinks of him—poor Larry who died at Hooge! Bob was the best little bomber we had, Robert the devil-may-care; His only failing was army run—ye gods but he drank his share; And if it failed him in life sometimes at the finish it played him straight. For Bob was drunk as a lord, they say, when he fell at the Menin Gate.

### DICKY HE DROVE A WATER-CART AND A BEAUTIFUL PAIR OF DIGKS.

He thought as much of his wife and kids as he did of his fancy drinks: Some of us thought it a cushy job—some of us thought it was a damn sight; But we left poor Dick—his mules and his cart away over Kemmel Hill.

### SIGNALER BILL WAS A WINDY COVE—HE SAID SO HIMSELF AT TIMES.

But he took his wine and he took his beer the same as he took his crimes; He would have got the D.C.M. for the deed that he did the week When the German sniper got him instead by the gasworks at Zonnebeke.

### SO DO YOU WONDER I SOMETIMES CHOOSE TO SLIP LIKE A SILENT ELF.

Back to the days when men were men and life was a slender thread; To think again and to drink again with the men that you fancy dead?

### H. L. W. IN FRAGMENTS.

auspices of the Niagara District Trades Federation, to discuss a new wage agreement affecting 3,900 Hydro skilled and unskilled workmen employed by the Hydro Electric Development Corp. President E. Neely presided. The following spoke: Richard Riley, machinists' business agent, Hamilton; Organizer J. W. Brown, Toronto, plumbers' union; Organizer J. Young, Toronto, electricians' union; James Swazey, Niagara Falls, Ontario, machinists' union; Charles Swazey, M.L.A. Niagara Falls, and Robert Green, M.L.A. Niagara Falls, Ontario, machinists' union.

### WINDSOR BRICKLAYERS' SCALE \$1.35.

A dollar and a quarter an hour will be the wage scale for Windsor bricklayers for this year, according to the terms of an agreement reached between the bricklayers' union and the Contractors' Association and the union. Last year's average rate was \$1 1/2 cents an hour.

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## BIRTH OF ONTARIO'S U. F. O-LABOR GOV'T

### Will Not Be Turned Out in Its Infancy.

The miraculous rise of the new U. F. O-Labor Government was expected by some of the American newspapers. Some of the American newspapers, however, were disappointed. General W. E. Ransby, who was elected to the office of premier, said: "I was representing, he said, one of the prodigies of these modern times, a Government elected without a head. An impossible thing happened in this country. A Government without a head. The farmers went up the sidelines and talked to one another. Some workmen talked to one another. The newspapers knew nothing about it. Many people knew nothing about it. And when it was elected it had absolutely no head at all."

### "It is safe as long as it has a lawyer," said ex-President Taft. (Laughter.)

Mr. Ransby: "But these poor fellows didn't have a lawyer. They had to go and pick for one. And they had to go out and get a head."

But Mr. Taft will enquire—"Will a Government so grounded last?" This I can say, they are going to be turned out to put some other people in. Some of our friends of the parties of Tweedledum and Tweedledee who are still unconvinced are skeptical. Well, time will tell. But let me remind Mr. Taft of an historical incident. When James Garfield was elected, he was elected by a plurality of one vote. He was elected by a plurality of one vote. He was elected by a plurality of one vote.

### C. P. R. PORTERS' BOARD MAKES SECOND REPORT.

A further report from the members of the Board of Conciliation which investigated the dispute between the Canadian Pacific Railway Company and the sleeping car porters has been received by the Minister of Labor.

In the majority report submitted some days ago, a summary of which appeared in these columns, Judge Colin Salter, chairman of the board, and Mr. U. E. Gillen, representing the company, made no recommendation with regard to seven porters dismissed by the company. The Minister of Labor requested a decision as to what should be done by the railway company in the case of these dismissed men, which Mr. Fred Bancroft, the employee's representative, had intimated were dismissed because of their membership in a Trades Union.

The majority members of the board took the matter into further consideration and now find that the evidence before the board was that these seven porters were dismissed for general unsatisfactory service and that their dismissal was not due to the fact that they were members of the Order of Sleeping Car Conductors.

They found that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, within its rights under the contracts of hire in dismissing the seven porters.

In a minority report, Mr. Bancroft disagreed with this finding, which he says is illogical and unfair to the men who asked for an investigation.

Even a plate of hash looks good when you are hungry. Every man ought to have a good natured wife to grumble at occasionally.

An old bachelor says being possessed is nine points of the law with women.

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